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Road Construction

IL 17 Railroad Crossings, Dwight

Ottawa, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that work to upgrade the railroad crossings at Chippewa Street and Mazon Street (Illinois 17) in Dwight continues. This \$4,355,353.03 contract has been awarded to 'D' Construction, Inc. of Coal City, Illinois.

Work includes installation of storm sewers, new curb and gutters, reconstructing the pavement on either side of the Mazon Street crossing, re-aligning the Chippewa Street crossing, asphalt surfacing, and signal work at the tracks.

After Labor Day, on or about September 6, 2016, the newly relocated Chippewa Street crossing will be re-opened. At that same time, Illinois 17 will be closed at the Mazon Street crossing. Through traffic on Illinois 17 will be detoured, north around the closure utilizing Old Route 66 and Illinois 47. Access to homes and businesses near the Mazon Street crossing will be maintained. This closure is expected to last until Thanksgiving.

There will be no access from West Main Street to Illinois 17 during this period. To facilitate traffic on West Main Street, two-way traffic will be implemented. The roadway will be striped for two-way traffic and signs installed to denote this change. Additionally, the angled parking along the west side of the street will be changed to parallel parking. Upon the re-opening of Illinois 17, West Main Street will be returned to its normal one-way configuration and angled parking.

Dwight's Central Business District remains open, with local detours provided to get around the construction activities.

The bulk of the work on this project is anticipated to be completed by this Thanksgiving with only minimal work next spring. The project completion date is May 15, 2017.

Motorists are encouraged to use caution when traveling through the work zone and along the detour route.

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Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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